

REMARKS REGARDING STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-4, 7-9 and 14-44 are pending.

Claims 6, 10 and 12 are canceled herein.

Claims 31-44 are newly added.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 11, 13, 17 and 23 are currently amended. Support for this amendment can be found in at least paragraphs 24, 28 and 31 of applicant's original disclosure.

REMARKS

This response addresses those issues raised in the Final Office Action mailed April 25, 2007. Applicant initially would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given to this case and for the courtesy of a telephonic interview held on July 18, 2007. Through the following remarks, applicant has addressed each and every issue raised by the Examiner in the Office Action. In short, applicant believes that each claim is in condition for final allowance, and prompt notice to such effect is respectfully requested.

July 18, 2007 Interview

On July 18, 2007, applicant's representative and the inventor, Roger Wood, held a telephonic interview with Examiner Gyorfi and Primary Examiner Truong. During this interview, applicant discussed a proposed amendment to the claims and explained to the Examiner why the two cited prior art references, U.S. Patent No. 6,068,183 to Freeman ("Freeman") and U.S. Patent No. 6,348,908 to Richley ("Richley"), do not teach or suggest the claimed invention either alone or in combination. In addition to the deficiencies in these references cited by the

Examiner in the Office Action, applicant pointed out additional deficiencies and teachings within these references themselves that counsel away from any combination of these references and that Freeman itself teaches away from displays of applicant's type in general. The Examiners Gyorfi and Truong indicated that the claims amended as proposed would most likely be allowable over the Freeman and Richley combination but an updated search would be needed before confirming allowability of the claims. The proposed amendment is now submitted herein as a formal amendment.

The Obviousness Rejection

Without conceding to the Examiner's characterizations of U.S. Patent No. 6,068,183 to Freeman et al. ("Freeman") and U.S. Patent 6,348,908 to Richley et al. ("Richley"), applicant has amended claims 1, 17 and 23 and added new claims 31-44 herein to even more clearly define applicant's invention. This amendment is being made solely for the purposes of advancing the prosecution of the present invention to issue and applicant, therefore, reserves the right to submit the original, canceled, previously presented or broader claims in one or more continuing applications without prejudice.

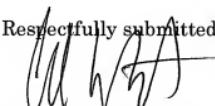
Applicant respectfully submits applicant's claimed invention is allowable over the Freeman and Richley combination for the reasons set forth herein as well as in the Amendment and Interview Request filed February 20, 2007. The Examiner suggests that the motivation to combine the display of Richley with Freeman is to confer the benefits of Richley's non-external power source by indicating that external power sources are more "cumbersome" to use. As now more specifically defined in the claims, applicant's device uses an external power source. All of the independent claims now require that the recited contact area is adapted for receiving externally-supplied power and for communicating data between the device and an authentication device interface. Externally supplied power is

specifically taught away from in Richley (column 2, lines 45-55). Additionally, regarding claims 17, 31 and 32, applicant's device includes an internal power mechanism adapted for storing externally-supplied power. This specific arrangement including an internal power mechanism adapted for storing externally-supplied power is not taught or suggested by the Freeman/Richley combination. As such, applicant respectfully submits all of the claims as submitted in this proposed amendment are allowable over the prior art of record and requests withdrawal of the outstanding obviousness rejection.

In view of the July 18, 2007 interview and the above claim amendments and remarks, it is believed that the present application is in condition for final allowance and notice to such effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that additional issues need to be resolved before this application can be passed to issue, the undersigned invites the Examiner, through the attached request for interview, to contact him at the telephone number provided below.

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